What is claimed is:

1. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus comprising:

input means for loading an electronic document to be detected and an electronic document to be compared; and

significant updating detection means for detecting a difference between an important part of the input electronic document to be detected and an important part of the input electronic document to be compared.

2. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the significant updating detection means comprises a pre-process section for extracting important parts from the electronic document to be detected and the electronic document to be compared, and a difference extraction section for performing difference extraction to a result extracted by the pre-process section.

3. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the pre-process section determines the important parts by checking whether the important parts include a predetermined keyword or not.

4. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the significant updating detection means comprises a difference extraction section for extracting a difference between the electronic document to be detected and the electronic document to be compared, and a value determination section for determining whether the extracted difference is a significant

difference or not.

5. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the value determination section determines whether the difference is a significant difference or not by using attribute determination or the like performed by natural language processing such as morphological analysis.

6. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the significant updating detection means comprises a pre-process section for extracting important parts from the electronic document to be detected and the electronic document to be compared, a difference extraction section for extracting a difference between the results extracted by the pre-process sections, and a value determination section for determining whether the extracted difference is a significant difference or not.

7. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the pre-process section determines the important parts by checking whether the important parts include a predetermined keyword or not.

8. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the value determination section determines whether a difference is a significant difference or not by using attribute determination or the like performed by natural language processing such as morphological analysis.

9. An electronic document significant updating detection apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising output means for notifying an external information processing apparatus of a detection result of the significant updating detection means.

10. An electronic document significant updating detection method comprising:

the input step of loading an electronic document to be detected and an electronic document to be compared; and

the significant updating detection step of detecting a difference between an important part of the input electronic document to be detected and an important part of the input electronic document to be compared.

11. An electronic document significant updating detection method according to claim 10, wherein the significant updating detection step comprises a pre-process for extracting important parts from the electronic document to be detected and the electronic document to be compared, and a difference extraction process for performing difference extraction to a result extracted by the pre-process.

12. An electronic document significant updating detection method according to claim 11, wherein, in the pre-process, the important parts are determined by checking whether the important parts include a predetermined keyword or not.

13. An electronic document significant updating detection method according to claim 10, wherein the significant updating detection step comprises a difference extraction process for extracting a difference between the electronic document to be detected and the electronic document to be compared, and a value determination process for determining whether the extracted difference is a significant difference or not.

14. An electronic document significant updating detection

method according to claim 13, wherein, in the value determination process, it is determined by using attribute determination or the like performed by natural language processing such as morphological analysis whether the difference is a significant difference or not.

15. An electronic document significant updating detection method according to claim 10, wherein the significant updating detection step comprises a pre-process for extracting important parts from the electronic document to be detected and the electronic document to be compared, a difference extraction process for extracting a difference between the results extracted by the pre-process sections, and a value determination process for determining whether the extracted difference is a significant difference or not.

16. An electronic document significant updating detection method according to claim 15, wherein, in the pre-process the important parts are determined by checking whether the important parts include a predetermined keyword or not.

17. An electronic document significant updating detection method according to claim 15, wherein, in the value determination process, it is determined by using attribute determination or the like performed by natural language processing such as morphological analysis whether a difference is a significant difference or not.

18. An electronic document significant updating detection method according to claim 10, further comprising an output process for notifying an external information processing apparatus of a detection result in the significant updating detection step.

19. An electronic document significant updating detection program, wherein the respective steps of the electronic document

significant updating detection method according to claim 10 are described in a code which can be processed by a computer.

20. A recording medium wherein the electronic document significant updating detection program according to claim 19 is recorded on the recording medium.